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Today's Weather

Khamisik weather will dissipate, with a drop in temperature and low clouds. Winds will be northerly light to moderate. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
	Low	High
Amman	14	22
Aqaba	22	33
Deserts	16	24
Jordan Valley	19	30

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 26. Aqaba 36. Sunset tonight: 6:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:45 a.m.

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Hassan opens Arab scientists' conference here



Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan addresses Arab scientists and mathematicians in Amman on Monday.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan opened at the Amman Chamber of Industry hall today a second Arab conference on physics and mathematics.

Prince Hassan, who stood in His Majesty King Hussein, welcomed the participants to a conference and expressed hope that their meeting here will be a step further towards creating a better future for Arab scientists, helping them to play a significant role in their countries' future.

He reminded his audience at Jerusalem "used to be the centre for scientific studies in an Islamic era," before the Zionist occupation, and referred to the Great Arab Revolt of 1916, which he said "came to put an end to the darkness and launch a new cultural and scientific era."

Prince Hassan attributed the present low standard of the sciences in the Arab World to three factors:

1. The meagreness of scientific resources or the lack of organisation and direction of efforts towards scientific research.
2. The isolation of Arab scientific research centres from one another.
3. The isolation of Arab scientists from their colleagues in other parts of the world.

Prince Hassan expressed hope that Arab states and scientific research institutions will establish a centre for scientific analysis and application to serve Third World countries and Islamic nations.

Also speaking at the opening session were the secretary general of the Arab Physicists and Mathematicians Federation, Dr. Ali Atiyeh, and Dr. Isa Shahin, president of the Jordanian Union of Physicists and Mathematicians, outlining the importance of developing scientific research in the Arab World.

Towards the end of the opening session Dr. Atiyeh presented Prince Hassan with the conference's insignia.

During the four-day conference 120 Arab scholars and researchers will review 60 research studies in physics and 51 research studies in mathematics.

Begin: No regrets for slur on Schmidt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 4 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin today said he had no regrets over his vehement attack last night on West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, despite a strong protest from Bonn.



Greed for oil shapes French and German policies, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin tells a Tel Aviv rally Sunday night. (AP wirephoto)

The Israeli leader's speech at a political rally last night stunned foreign diplomats with its unprecedented invective. His anger was raised by Mr. Schmidt's statement, made on returning from Saudi Arabia, that West Germany had a moral commitment to the Palestinians.

Mr. Begin said State Secretary Guenther von Well of the Bonn foreign ministry was scheduled to meet tomorrow with Israeli Ambassador Yohanan Merz to inform him about Mr. Schmidt's visit to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

He could well imagine, Mr. Begin said, that Mr. von Well on that occasion express the Bonn government's "astonishment" at Mr. Begin's remarks.

A West German foreign policy spokesman earlier had rejected Mr. Begin's attack on Mr. Schmidt as "unjustified, incomprehensible and hard to bear in style and content."

Mr. Juergen Moellemann, foreign policy spokesman for the Free Democrats, Mr. Schmidt's

junior government coalition partner, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview that West Germany's Middle East policy was in line with the principles of all members of the European Economic Community and aimed at safeguarding the peace in the region.

Furthering German-Israeli relations was one of the major objectives of Bonn's foreign policy and a lot was being done for this, Mr. Moellemann said.

Mr. Begin's "excessive criticism" and his stubborn point of view regarding all attempts at obtaining peace in the Middle East were beginning to become "a burden to Israeli-German relations," Mr. Moellemann said.

He said he hoped that moderate forces in Israel would call on Mr. Begin to moderate his views.

The French presidential Elysee Palace today declined to reply to Mr. Begin's speech.

But Mr. Begin was unrepentant today, saying he was "not at all interested" in Bonn's reaction to his attack on Mr. Schmidt, whom he termed "arrogant." "The Israeli premier told reporters: 'I won't lose even one second of good sleep because of this German talk.'"

Responding to German criticism of his speech, Mr. Begin asked, "What was Schmidt doing in Riyadh? With what arrogance can he say he has an obligation toward the Arabs and forget about the Jews?"

Israeli newspapers endorsed Mr. Begin's tough stand. "Though it was not formulated in diplomatic language, it was totally true," editorialised the daily Yediot Ahronot.

"If they (Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Giscard d'Estaing) have decided to sell Israel out to its neighbours for petrodollars, they should not be surprised if they are spoken to the way Begin did," said Yediot Ahronot.

However, the paper reported that some members of the opposition and of Mr. Begin's coalition government thought the premier went too far in attacking Mr. Schmidt personally. It did not identify these critics.

The opposition Labour Party issued a statement saying Mr. Schmidt's remarks were "a grave departure from the traditional West German position."

The English-language Jerusalem Post, usually no supporter of Mr. Begin, also backed the premier and said it did think his attack was "significantly overdrawn."

In his impassioned speech last night, Mr. Begin went as far as to insinuate that Mr. Schmidt was indirectly involved in the destruction of European Jewry.

Mr. Begin said the Palestinian self-determination which Mr. Schmidt has endorsed would lead to Israel's downfall, "but never mind. He (Mr. Schmidt) has already seen how the people of Israel faced doom. He served in the army that would surround the

Syria won't shift missiles in Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 4 (Agencies) — Syria has refused to withdraw its newly-installed surface-to-air SAM-6 missiles from Lebanon, insisting instead that Israel be pressured into halting its involvement in Lebanon altogether, western diplomatic sources said today.

These sources said U.S. embassy officials in Damascus have been in daily contact with the Syrian government in an effort to

have the missiles removed from eastern Lebanon and dispel the threat of a Syrian-Israeli military showdown.

But the Syrians remained adamant, contending that the deployment of the missiles last Tuesday was an act of self-defence following the shooting down of two Syrian helicopter gunships by Israeli warplanes near east Lebanon's embattled city of Zahle, according to the sources.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a message to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, asked for more time to solve the Syrian-Israeli missile crisis by diplomatic means, Israel's state radio reported.

Mr. Begin told reporters in occupied Jerusalem that Syria has moved three SAM-6 batteries inside Lebanon and a "certain number" of additional SAMs onto the Syrian-Lebanese border.

Western reporters who toured much of east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley spotted only one battery of SAM-6s made up of 24 missiles deployed mainly around a Lebanese air base which Syria's 22,000-man peacekeeping army is using.

Israel contends that by moving the missiles into the Bekaa Syria has crossed the "Red Line" that Israel set to limit Syria's military activity in Lebanon five years ago.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam held several hours of talks today with Lebanese leaders on the fighting in Lebanon, state-run Beirut Radio reported.

President Elias Sarkis, Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros met Mr. Khaddam at the Ba'da presidential palace, southeast of Beirut.

Mr. Khaddam, who held two days of talks in Beirut last week, is expected to meet the leaders of most Lebanese factions as well as government ministers in an attempt to draw up a programme for national reconciliation in Lebanon.

Haig, Carrington at NATO talks



U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, right, and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington join heads of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) foreign ministers in Rome on Monday. Story on page 8 (AP wirephoto)

Another try for Gulf peace

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.) — The foreign minister of India, Zambha and Cuba and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation are scheduled to meet here next Thursday to plan another attempt to end the Iran-Iraq war, an official Indian source said today.

"They will then proceed to Iran and Iraq" after a day or two of discussions among themselves, said the official in the external affairs ministry, who did not want to be named.

The group of four toured the warring neighbours last month and claimed that they were encouraged by the response to their peace efforts.

The members of the group are India's P.V.N. Rao, Zambia's L.K.H. Goma and Cuba's Isidoro Malmierca, Mr. Furouk Kadoumi, head of the PLO political department.

Meanwhile, United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is to confer with his special Gulf envoy, Mr. Olof Palme, in Geneva next Monday on the U.N.'s next step to bring a quick Iraq-Iran ceasefire.

Mr. Palme, a former Swedish prime minister, has failed to bring about a ceasefire on three trips to the two countries in November, January and February.

U.S. needs 'toe in the door' in AWACS deal, Baker says

WASHINGTON, May 4 (A.P.) — U.S. Sen. Howard Baker Jr. says that if advanced radar planes are sold to Saudi Arabia, the United States ought to have "a toe in the door" over the sensitive military information they gather.

Sen. Baker, the Senate's Republican majority leader, is in charge of President Ronald Reagan's plan to steer the sale of the AWACS planes through Congress. Facing vigorous opposition, the administration is holding back on submitting the plan, which could be killed by a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Mr. Reagan intends to package with the five radar planes—Airborne Warning and Control System or AWACS aircraft—new equipment that would increase the range and firepower of the U.S.-built F-15 fighter planes the Saudis already have on order.

In an Associated Press interview, Sen. Baker said he does not know how he will vote. He said that while the package would remain basically intact, he had informed Mr. Reagan some changes might have to be made to win Congressional approval.

The Tennessee Republican also stressed that "we ought to take into account the needs of Israel."

Last week, deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes also held out the possibility of new assistance for Israel. But Mr. Ephraim Evron, the Israeli ambassador to the United States, said: "We are not asking for more defence assistance. We are asking for reconsideration of that sale."

Israel and its supporters say the radar planes might pose a security threat in the event of another Middle East war.

But Sen. Baker said, "The real danger to Saudi Arabia and to Israel and the United States is the external threat" to the Middle East. The administration's reasoning behind the proposed deal is that it would strengthen pro-U.S. forces against any Soviet thrust toward the Gulf oil fields. To try to gain congressional approval, the administration has indicated it would not turn over to the Saudis certain sensitive electronic equipment and would take other steps to assure that the planes would be used only to protect Saudi Arabia.

Another potential safeguard would be to maintain U.S. controls over operation of the planes. Sen. Baker, however, said he would be in favour of the Saudis' owning the planes outright once they have paid for them.

"I'd sort of like them to buy them, but I'd sort of like to be sure America has a toe in the door so far as we have access to the work product," he said.

By that, he explained, he meant the kind of information the surveillance planes gather and what is done with the data.

"If doesn't matter one particle to me who flies the airplane, who's in the right seat or the left seat," he said. "What does really matter is not the man in the airplane. It's the man on the ground, the man who receives the data and processes it."

Egypt wants U.N. to admit

Soviets block Sinai force

O, May 4 (A.P.) — Egypt has officially asked United Nations Security Council to admit, in an official document, its inability to take a decision on a Sinai peacekeeping force because of opposition, a weekly newspaper reported today.

Organ of President Anwar Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party, said Egypt has also asked the council to specify that its inability is Moscow's threat to use its veto powers if a sal calling for establishing such a force was discussed.

U.S.-sponsored peace treaty Egypt and Israel in 1979 calls for the U.N. to form an international peacekeeping force to patrol their border after Israeli troops complete withdrawal from Sinai next April.

United States has pledged to form a multinational force if the Soviet Union insisted on its inclusion to the Camp David accords, which promote the Egyptian-Israeli treaty.

The paper did not say when the request was made or further details but a top foreign ministry source was quoted last week as saying that the

Soviet opposition had ruled out formation of a Sinai force.

Mr. Osama Al Baz, undersecretary for foreign affairs, said in a newspaper interview that Egypt had preferred a force under U.N. auspices because as such, the troops would be operating under clear guarantees and controls.

Mr. Al Baz said the Kremlin's opposition had in fact increased Washington's role in the Middle East peace process, "a role the Soviets did not want America to have at all."

Military representatives from Egypt, Israel and the United States to meet in Washington today to discuss an American draft on formation of the Sinai force, according to the Middle East News Agency.

The agency said the American draft was made in light of the recent visit to the Middle East by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Michael Steiner.

It said the draft suggests the multinational force be formed of 2,000-2,500 men, a figure Egypt originally proposed. Israel wants a force of not fewer than 4,000, according to press reports.

Waldheim in Moscow

MOSCOW, May 4 (R) — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived in Moscow today on a visit during which he is expected to seek Soviet support for a further term in office and discuss world issues, including Afghanistan.

Mr. Waldheim, on his first trip to Moscow since May 1979, was greeted at the airport by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The U.N. secretary general met President Ronald Reagan in Washington on Thursday for talks which covered the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979 and the conflict in Lebanon.

The U.N. General Assembly has twice called for the withdrawal of "foreign troops" from Afghanistan and the issue is expected to play a significant part in Mr. Waldheim's talks with Soviet officials.

The Soviet Union insists it is supporting the legitimate government of Afghanistan at its request and will withdraw its troops when "outside interference" in Kabul's affairs has ceased.

No details of Mr. Waldheim's schedule for the four-day visit were available.

It was expected that Soviet officials would also raise President Leonid Brezhnev's proposals for a summit session of the U.N. Security Council and a world conference on disarmament.

Mr. Waldheim is now in the last year of his second five-year term of office and U.N. diplomats in New York have suggested that he may use the visit to assess possible Soviet support for an unprecedented third term.

Mr. Waldheim has given no public indication, however, of whether he will seek a further term.

The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda today carried a photograph of Mr. Waldheim and a short biography, the wording of which suggested Kremlin approval of his performance in office.

Pravda said that he spoke out for "increasing the efficiency of the United Nations in strengthening international peace and security and stands for the preservation of detente and curbing of the arms race."

"He argues for the fulfilment of resolutions of the United Nations aimed at removing the last vestiges of colonialism, racism and apartheid," Pravda said.



Howard Baker

NATIONAL

Village councils to get more power

MADABA, May 4 (Petra) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has adopted a policy of creating a village council in each village with a population of at least 400. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Hassan Al Momani said here today.

He said that the ministry is introducing amendments to the village administration bylaws with the purpose of increasing the power of village councils, making them almost as powerful as municipal

councils. The minister was speaking during a tour today which took him to Madaba, Ohiban and Ma'in in the Madaba District.

Ouring the tour he reviewed with municipal officials the services offered to the public and their future programmes. He also announced that his ministry will create 16 new village councils in Mafraq District, and is going ahead with increasing public services offered by "joint services councils".



Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Hassan Al Momani (in light suit) leaves the community development centre at Dhiban on his trip to Madaba District on Monday.

New Civil Defence centre in Zarqa

ZARQA, May 4 (Petra) — Interior Minister Sulaiman Arar today opened a new Civil Defence centre in Zarqa.

In a speech at the ceremony, Mr. Arar said that his ministry has plans to increase the number of Civil Defence centres around the country to ensure speedy services to the public. The Civil Defence Directorate has imported modern equipment specifically to be used at the new centre, which was the fruit of the combined efforts of the public and private sectors, the minister said.

Mr. Arar also spoke about the role of Civil Defence centres in protecting lives and property.

Other speakers at the ceremony included the director of Civil Defence, Maj. Gen. Khaled Taraneh, and the district governor of Zarqa, Mr.

Salem Al Qudab, who also paid tribute to the private sector in Zarqa for its contribution to the establishment of the centre.

The JO 40,000 cost of the new centre was shared by the directorate and private contributors, mainly merchants and factory owners in Zarqa, the president of the Zarqa chamber of commerce, Mr. Ibrahim Takieddin, said in a speech. He said that the land on which the new centre was built was a gift from Zarqa Municipality.

The new centre will offer rescue, first aid and firefighting services to the commercial and residential areas of the city and its environs, Mr. Takieddin said. After the ceremony, Mr. Arar made an inspection tour of the centre's facilities and equipment.

Saudi aide arrives with message to King Hussein

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — Saudi Minister of State Mohammad Ibrahim Mas'oud arrived in Amman this evening for a brief visit to Jordan during which he will meet with His Majesty King Hussein and convey to him a verbal message from King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. The message deals with the general Arab situation and relations between the two fraternal countries.

In an arrival statement, Sheikh Mohammad lauded the relations between the two countries, and said his visit to Amman comes within the context of constant consultations between Jordan and Saudi Arabia on various levels to serve the joint interests of the two countries in particular, and Islamic solidarity and the unity of Arab ranks in general.

Sheikh Mohammad was received at the airport by the court minister, Mr. Amer Hammash, and members of the Saudi embassy staff in Amman.

Italian team discusses aid during first-of-its-kind visit

By Lima Nabil

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 4 — A delegation from the Italian foreign ministry under Minister of State Giacomo Ivancich, including Counsellor Giuseppe Filippo O'alejandro, Dr. Vincenzo Gravina, and Dr. Enrico Calizza, left Amman yesterday at the end of an official visit to Jordan and talks on Italian technical aid to Jordan.

In an exclusive interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Ivancich said that the significance of the visit rests in the fact that it is the first after the creation of a new section at the foreign ministry with the aim of strengthening cooperation between Italy and developing countries.

He added that during the meetings, he discussed with Jordanian officials the question of strengthening cooperation in social, cultural and economic affairs between Jordan and Italy. "Italy has allocated \$6 million as technical

aid to Jordan for the next three years," he said.

The Italian aide said that he had discussed with Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal the possibility of increasing the number of educational, training and technical scholarships granted by Italy to Jordanian students.

He said that the Italian government has given Jordan the necessary equipment, tools and expertise to establish a vocational training centre for auto mechanics.

Mr. Ivancich also had talks with the Jordan Valley Authority's (JVA) president, Mr. Omar Abdallah, on what he called "the possibility of cooperation in pioneering agricultural projects in Wadi Araba."

The delegation visited the farm of Sharif Jamil Ibn Nasser and praised its good management and efficient organisation.

An official of the JVA accompanied the delegation on a visit to Wadi Araba, after which they visited the city of Karak and Idr village, where they inspected Ita-

Agricultural training course opens

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — A two-week training course on the administration and development of pasture lands in the Arab World opened at the Directorate of Agricultural Research and Guidance here today.

Sixteen agricultural engineers from the Arab World taking part in the course will hear lectures from specialists on pasture resources and the role of pastures in helping to ensure food security, as well as means of producing fodder and its protection, mechanisation in agricultural operations and the development of pasture lands.

The participants will also be taken on tours of the Ministry of Agriculture's nurseries and pasture lands.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate announced today that the King Hussein Bridge and the Prince Mohammad Bridge across the Jordan River will be closed as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, until Friday morning, May 8.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — The Union of Arab Universities (UAU) has decided to recognise the University of Bethlehem and the Arab Medical Sciences Colleges in Jerusalem Governorate as a nucleus for a university. The UAU has also decided to establish a special fund for assistance to universities in the occupied Arab territories. The decisions were taken at a UAU meeting in Oamascus.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — The minister of education and youth of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mr. Sa'id Salman, left for Jordan today at the end of his official visit to Jordan. Ouring the visit he received an audience by His Majesty King Hussein and held talks with Jordanian officials on cultural cooperation between the UAE and Jordan in the coming two years. The UAE minister was seen off at the airport by his Jordanian counterpart, Mr. Sa'id Al Tal, the secretary general of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Thihni Ra'fat and several ministry officials.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — Minister of Culture and Youth Mar' Abu Nowar today extended an invitation to the Arab fine arts federation to hold its next annual convention in Amman. The invitation was made at a meeting in his office with the visiting director of fine arts in Baghdad and the federation's secretary general. During the meeting they discussed cooperation between Jordanian and Iraqi artists.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) today began dredging the bed of the Zarqa River. An AWSA source said the dredging operations are intended to remove waste objects that obstruct the smooth flow of water and also to remove swamps created by the collection of water from the past winter season. The dredging was in response to a call by the public safety committee, the source said.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania, presents a photograph exhibition on Bucharest, the Romanian capital. The exhibition is open to the public at the art gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth in Shmeisani.

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16th-century Englishman. The council will present a special programme of readings and scenes from Shakespeare, lectures, solo performances and music related to the exhibition during the second week of May. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 4 - 7 p.m. at the council in Jabal Amman.

The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the ministries of culture and youth and tourism, presents an exhibition of Middle East Photographs from the Last Century. The exhibition is now on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

Karak Municipality presents the town's first book exhibition, at the Karak government house. Today is the last day.

The University of Jordan presents an exhibition of paintings, embroidery and handicrafts by 25 university students, at the university library.

Spring Festival

Jordan is celebrating the Spring Festival of art in Aqaba. Several exhibitions of works by Jordanian artists are taking place at the major hotels of the city.

Seminar

The Jordanian Writers' Association presents the second in a series of artistic criticism workshops, entitled "The Criticism Movement in Jordan", which will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Salem Al Nahas. The seminar will take place at 5 p.m., at the association's headquarters. For further information-contact the association at telephone 21724.

Films

The America Centre presents "All the King's Men". The film is based on Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. It revolves around Willie Stark, who is a clumsy but idealistic "hick" politician who rises headlong into the corruption and timidity of the politics of a southern state. The show starts at 6 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

The Goethe Institute continues its women's film series for the month of May. It presents "Lisa: Aus Dem Leben Einer Unentbehrlichen" (1973), which tells the story of a press secretary, devoted to her career, who realises her problem as a woman too late. The show starts at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman.

The British Council presents the third in its series of films of Shakespeare's plays: "As You Like It". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. Admission costs 250 fils.

British Ladies

The British Ladies of Amman will hold a meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Shmeisani, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. The programme includes a curry cooker demonstration. Creche is available. All Commonwealth citizens are welcome to membership.

Videotape programme

The American Centre presents a videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium in Jabal Amman.

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Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JO 1,000	1,500	2,270	2,240	2,250
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	7,607	1,510	1,500	1,500
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	500	2,170	2,170	2,170
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	4,150	1,650	1,650	1,650
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	155	16,300	16,300	16,300
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	170	14,900	14,700	14,700
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	190	133,000	133,000	133,000
Jordan Financial Papers Co.	JD 10,000	75	17,100	17,100	17,100
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	350	1,500	1,500	1,500
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,395	1,660	1,650	1,660
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	100	11,600	11,600	11,600
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	3,678	2,000	1,980	2,000
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	5,850	1,050	1,040	1,040
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	7,350	1,300	1,290	1,290
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	9,950	0,900	0,880	0,890
Livestock and Poultry Co.	JD 1,000	2,000	0,650	0,650	0,650
Dar Al Sha'b for Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1,000	2,000	0,960	0,960	0,960
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	50	1,430	1,430	1,430
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	3,312	1,320	1,290	1,290
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	3,012	1,800	1,800	1,800
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	3,370	1,520	1,470	1,490
Arab Paper Processing and Trading Co.	JD 1,000	3,700	0,880	0,880	0,880
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1,760	3,900	3,850	3,850
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	350	4,700	4,700	4,700
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	4,000	2,200	2,200	2,200
Dar Al Daw' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	250	3,280	3,280	3,280
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	1,100	3,330	3,320	3,320
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	3,850	1,150	1,150	1,150
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	1,063	0,790	0,790	0,790
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	500	1,650	1,650	1,650
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	700	3,680	3,590	3,590
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	1,505	6,200	6,180	6,180
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	59	29,850	29,850	29,850
Rafia Industrial Co.	JD 5,000	220	3,000	3,000	3,000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	2,074	8,470	8,450	8,450
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	100	15,500	15,400	15,400
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	70	18,550	18,550	18,550

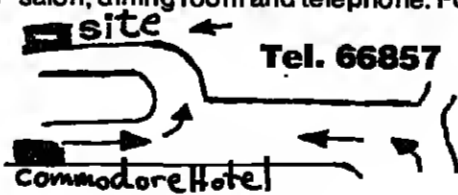
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Italian Ambassador Fabrizio Rossi Longhi (left) talks with Minister of State at the Foreign Ministry Giacomo Ivancich

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TOR'S NOTE: This article, which accompanies the Harvard Museum's travelling exhibition of 19th century photos of Jordan and Palestine, describes the wealth of information about the past that can be gleaned from the images, and urges the Jordanian public to come forth with any pertinent observations or recollections they may have. The exhibition is now on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

By Malcolm Coolidge

A SELECTION of photographs made by Felix and Adrien Bonfils between 1875 and 1889 was unexpectedly discovered in 1970 at the Harvard Semitic Museum (HSM) in the United States. The photos are the first time vivid glimpses of ancient Transjordanian sites appeared in the 19th century, as well as enlightening portraits of customs among the inhabitants of the area. The HSM team has been working with Jordanian experts, and hopes that these records of the past will spark curiosity among modern Jordanians, whose age they uniquely reflect.

The views of old Amman show how the various buildings appeared to the landscape to visitors in the 19th century. One feels the great richness and ruggedness of the surrounding plain and hills. One sees how the Roman theatre, which once seated 6,000 spectators, built into the hill. The columns, of which the photo shows eight lying with their entablatures intact, must have originally numbered about 50, and stood five metres high.

At the time these photographs were made, travellers found the Jordanian towns strewn everywhere with a "bewildering confusion" of columns and capitals of all varieties and friezes. They found much evidence of Roman roads and artificial stream beds - some still carrying water, and fish as well. What the camera cannot show, the journals of travellers described: the flocks of grazing animals, coming to water at streams, found shelter from the sun among the ruins, giving the "aspect and stench of an ill-kept farm yard." Jackals, foxes and innumerable storks also made their homes among the

remains. In 1874, travellers, well-equipped with horses and mules and guided by dragomen, took six hours riding from Amman to Salt. From Salt, which crossed plains and led through "pleasant hills covered with oak forests," they could spot a few ruined villages as well as the remains of the Roman road. They found Salt to be a town of some 4,000 inhabitants - 500 of whom were Christian - thriving by the production of wool and woolen cloth.

The photographs show, the town could be well defended from the north and the south, the Citadel commanded a wide view of the city. The establishment of a Turkish garrison in the Citadel made it difficult to check raids by the "great Arab tribes" and thus to cultivate the fertile tracts of upland plains. Indeed most of the barley and wheat was raised in fields miles out of town, so that many lived in the country much of the time. At the time of Bonfils's visit to Salt, the



Portrait of a young woman of Bethlehem

town had been "for several generations perfectly independent from the sultan" and was governed by a council.

The travellers found Jerash, unlike the living hill town of Salt, in a valley surrounded on three sides by wooded mountains. These ruins cover about a square mile (2.5 square kilometres) and according to one traveller were "the most extensive and beautiful east of the Jordan." A typical Roman town with temples, theatres, baths and a forum, Jerash also shared among the great Syrian cities the distinction of having either side of her main street lined with colonnades. According to the same English observer, the stadium at Jerash had been occasionally filled with water for the "exhibition of sea fights." The triumphal arch, shown in one of the Bonfils photos, is a trademark of any Roman town. Originally, there were three archways, but as is common with ancient sites in the area, Jerash suffered earthquake damage, and was gradually crumbling away.

The Bonfils photographs of these 19th century scenes have already inspired enthusiastic response from a variety of scholars including archaeologists and historians; but it is hoped that anyone with an interest in the history and customs of his or her ancestors will come forward with enlightening stories and information about old ways and places. The HSM team and its Jordanian colleagues feel that the photographs are a special treasure for the people of Jordan, and that they provide opportunities it would be a shame to neglect. They hope that these exhibits will initiate a continuing dialogue and curiosity about many kinds of historical investigations.

Jordan celebrates Traffic Day

AMMAN, May 4 (J.T.) — If you were shocked to see young men and women standing in the middle of streets at major intersections waving their arms all day today, relax—it was International Traffic Day.

On this occasion, celebrated in Jordan and around the world, boy scouts, girls guides and students took to the streets to assist traffic police in organising and directing traffic movement.

Bouquets of flowers were also awarded as token prizes to the best-behaved drivers, to those who showed a sense of ethics and to those who cut down on violations at service taxi parking lots. Several traffic policemen were also cheered by receiving bouquets while on duty at their posts.

Col. Issa Al-Umari, the director of the Traffic Department, said on the occasion that the slogan of the International Traffic Day for this year is: "The traffic policeman in service of the citizen." He expressed his thanks to all drivers for their constructive response to the Traffic Department's efforts and its instructions, and to the new policy it is following—a policy based, he said, on a mutual respect between the policeman and the citizen, and cooperation in efforts to organise traffic in a manner that will protect the public and facilitate transport.

Col. Umari pledged that his department will undertake the implementation of laws, regulations and decisions of the traffic committees firmly, but without insult to the public. "We hope that the citizens will take better care vis-a-vis the traffic signs in the streets and the guidance and instructions of the traffic policemen working all over the country, and abide by the rules and regulations governing traffic,

which are known to every driver," he added.

Col. Umari called on members of the public to work diligently and sincerely for their own safety. He said excessive speed and careless overtaking—as well as disregard for traffic lights—and tampering with means of transport, including cars and motorcycles are responsible for the deaths of many innocent people.

Col. Umari added that the number of accidents which took place in 1980 totalled 12,654, resulting in the deaths of 387 citizens and injuring 6,444 others. "These figures dictate on us a review of several matters, whether related to traffic regulations or the conditions of the streets, parking lots, traffic signs or the role of the information media in this connection," he said.



Amman's street corners were manned by kids of all sizes—from little girls (top) to hefty young men (bottom)—on Monday. (Photos by Youssef Al-Aitan)



Jaffa taken from the gardens outside the city

Muta U. team leaves for U.S.

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — A team representing the royal commission for Muta University left for the United States yesterday for a week-long visit.

The team, headed by Transport Minister Ali Subehmat, will look into educational and administrative systems used at a number of American universities with a view to benefiting from them in drawing up suitable systems for the projected Jordanian university.

The team includes Dr. Adnan Badran, president of Yarmouk University and Brig. Kamal Qaqish, deputy director of the Public Security Directorate for administrative affairs.

Social Security soon to cover 61,000 more

AMMAN, May 4 (Petra) — Nearly 61,000 civil servants who do not fall within the civil service grade classification system will be covered by the Social Security law as of August. Social Security Corporation (SSC) Director Farhi 'Ubeid said today.

Speaking at a meeting with officials of Jordan Television, Mr. 'Ubeid said that with the expansion, the number of employees covered by Social Security will jump to 123,000.

The SSC is studying the possibility of applying the Social Security laws to Jordanians employed in other Arab countries before the end of this year, Mr. 'Ubeid said.

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Jordan shapes catalyst role in Mideast affairs

By Dr. Kamel S. Abu Jaber

Jordan is part of the Arab World in every sense of the word. Indeed, in many respects it is the heart of the Arab World: politically, geographically and socially. The malaise that has characterised the Middle East over the past few decades has left its mark on Jordan too.

Jordan is one of the oldest nations of the world, yet it is young in its spirit and modernity. It has been always a fact in question — much more so in recent times than in remote history.

The image of Jordan within the Middle East reel is a spot of rationality where the shadow, or indeed sometimes its reflection, is a reality. For there is something unreal about studying politics in the Middle East. Often it seems like a Disneyland kind of atmosphere, existing and existing, yet at the same time ephemeral and unreal. A Disneyland production that creates and conjures enthralling, colourful events whose characters are often too real to be

true. Jordan cannot, nor has it been able to, escape this atmosphere. Its political development, or lack thereof, has been greatly affected by factors that lie beyond its geographical frontiers or its reach of control. One, and indeed the most important, question over the past few decades, has been the unresolved Palestine question.

Over the years, until the present time, and it would seem for the years to come, Jordan's political climate and life has been and will continue to be affected by this question. Jordan's reaction has varied in degree and in tactic, but not in strategy, from the total Arab reaction to the challenges posed by the Palestine question. Concomitant with this factor has been the Arab and the Jordanian reaction to the colonial presence in the Middle East as a whole, and in Jordan in particular. This reaction has ranged within, as well as without, Jordan from physical violence to other methods until inde-

pendence was won. This, in addition to the responses to the challenges posed by demands for modernity and social evolution.

In trying to identify some of Jordan's political characteristics over the years, one may come up with a set of the themes that may include the following: That throughout its modern history, Jordan has been able to make the impossible and the improbable work. This was done through two basic factors: leadership (the late King Abdullah from 1921-1951 and His Majesty King Hussein from 1953 to the present) and an energetic and forward looking and ambitious population.

Over the years, many observers outside Jordan have claimed that the Jordanian leadership has been able to fragment opposition, even atomise it, and later on absorb its ranks; that beyond the beautiful facade lies a Dorian Gray image of a strict regime, increasingly intolerant of contrary opinions; that the level of the regime's tolerance

has lessened rather than increased over the years. These observers claim that while economic and social development has been an undeniable fact, political development has been halted, indeed retarded.

Yet it remains that in the context of available historical facts, the Jordanian leadership has had not only the stamina to live and overcome the challenges, but foresight as well as vision; a leadership characterised by a pragmatic approach rather than rigid ideological commitment to a set of ideals. Such a leadership has maintained an equilibrium between past and present as well as the various alternatives within the political spectrum: the concern of Jordan has always remained for man as a human being rather than a political tool. And despite the many challenges it has faced, Jordan has somehow achieved social and economic development and a continuously improving standard of living. The experience of Jordan

has never been life through theories, but theories for life and at its service.

In absorbing opposition, humane tactics were used, always keeping in mind the size of Jordan and the closeness of its people to each other. This, in addition to the conscious effort to utilise every talent wherever and whenever possible.

Since the dawn of the country's existence, Jordan's leadership on the highest level has been flexible and moderate. Both King Abdullah and King Hussein eventually acquired a paternalistic approach to politics and soon the concept of "family" was applied to Jordan's political and social arena. The patience characterising the style and life of both leaders was buttressed by a vision that gave both leaders the gift of understanding events often before they happen and thus to plan accordingly. This, in addition to their capability in adhering to their beliefs, defending these beliefs and adopting positions often at great risks. It is hoped that the halt in Jordan's political life and the present absence of popular political participation will only be temporary. It is also hoped that Jordan's political life will not always be dominated by the *musawween*, those hoping to become cabinet ministers, though in all fairness, a few outstanding persons have emerged from amongst them.

A people's energy, spiritedness and frankness that has puzzled many outside observers and won their admiration.

Coupled with this spontaneity and optimism on the local level however, a certain mixture of anxiety, frustration and even despair has always existed on the level of dealing with international issues, principally the Palestine problem.

The Palestine problem has reflected itself in instability in the entire Middle East, which in turn has characterised Jordan's existence by a constant search for elements of stability. Often illusive elsewhere, the Jordanian situation, with all its ups and downs has maintained a certain measure of unstable equilibrium.

While some others in the Middle East have taken the revolutionary path, Jordan has taken an evolutionary path in its dealings with the challenges it faces. In this, Jordan had to pay the price of moderation both internally and externally. Yet here it was able to relate to modernity despite the difficult odds it faced.

The past is past

NOW, it seems, Menachem Begin wants to take on France and Germany, and let loose Israel's character assassination machinery on Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Helmut Schmidt. Mr. Begin's virulent attacks against Messrs. Giscard d'Estaing and Schmidt, including not-so-vague insinuations that Mr. Schmidt was personally involved in the murder of European Jews during World War Two, are not to be shrugged off as the interperate mutterings of a strange fellow who just happens to be the prime minister of Israel. Mr. Begin's remarks have been defended by the Israeli press, and there is little doubt that he mirrors the sentiments of most Israelis in criticizing West Germany and France for their support of Palestinian self-determination. The fact is that Israel is reacting honestly to a set of developments that it has always been the imperative of political Zionism to avoid at all cost — developments that revolve around international acceptance of the Palestinians' right to nationhood and self-determination, the diplomatic and moral isolation of Israel, and the emergence of a unified Palestinian political leadership that shows itself ready to deal with the fact of the Israeli state if the Israeli state is ready to reciprocate the effort. Giscard d'Estaing and Schmidt are only symbols of the inevitability of unravelling the web of misinformation that Zionism has so carefully spun during the past 100 years or so. Palestine lives. That is the fact that the world is trying slowly to acknowledge, but that Mr. Begin wants to defer indefinitely with an overkill of allusions to the past. It might have worked once, but it will work no more. Palestine lives. The past does not. No matter how hard the screamers scream.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Jordan is expected soon to launch a large-scale diplomatic initiative on the Arab and international levels to prompt the international community to shoulder its responsibilities towards the aggressive Israeli plan to open a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea.

Needless to say, the plan is destructive in its potential effect on the Jordanian economy and the Arab Nation's self-strength.

The Jordanian initiative is an invitation to all peace-loving nations, particularly in our area, to play their role and prevent the implementation of the Israeli project, which comes in blatant defiance of Arab sovereignty and poses real dangers to peace and stability in the area.

The prime minister has already warned, in a speech to the National Consultative Council, all parties which might get involved in supporting the Israeli

plan, whether by financing it or through any other means. He warned that such involvement would be participation in the Israeli aggression against Jordan. This undoubtedly is a warning to any party which might participate in the project, whether officially or unofficially.

All Arabs are called upon to formulate a clear and definite visualisation of the measures which they should take to prevent the implementation of the project, including the use of the economic boycott weapon against those who get involved in supporting the project, regardless of who they are. The Arabs should also make it clear to the international community that they are determined to do so.

The United States, to which Israel is looking for the project's finances, expertise and technology, should take into consideration the consequences and dangers about which we have spoken, so that the United States might not get involved in something which would harm its relations with the Arab Nation, and so that the area does not become even more tense than ever before.

AL DUSTOUR: Again British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has reiterated a statement she had already made during her Gulf tour, namely that any endeavours to achieve peace in the area should be based on a major role to be performed by the United States; and that any European initiative is not possible unless it is based on such a role.

If this British stand reflects the European position on peace in the Middle-East, then the much talked-about European role and initiative have become neutralised. If this is the true European position towards the Palestine issue, it is hardly similar to the European position which France spoke about few weeks ago when it was considering a major step to consolidate peace in Lebanon.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Many important decisions can be made at this time which could turn out to be profitable in the future. Figure out a fixed course of action to follow to gain your goals.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your property for needed repairs. Also study how to add to present assets. Make the evening a happy one.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan how to gain whatever appeals to you the most, and then carry through in a positive way. Take it easy tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You must plan early if you wish to gain your particular aims and then go after them in a precise manner.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Talk over with good friends ways to gain your finest aims. A new plan needs more study to be successful.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Morning is best time for handling any credit affairs of importance. Be precise in handling important business matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Visit new places and meet people who can give you a better perspective for the future. Cut down on expenses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your assets and liabilities well before buying property. Take it easy tonight and regain energies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find the best way to have greater concord and understanding with your associates so there is more profits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study whatever is fundamental in your existence and you gain a firmer foundation. Take no risks in motion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to please those with whom you are closely allied, whether in business or at home. Improve your financial status.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to improve the condition of your dwelling during spare time and feel happier about it. Maintain your poise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Good day to study new ways of advancing in your career. Confer with associates and plan the future wisely.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who will have fine practical ideas that will help build a secure existence, and will require a fine education in order to get ahead. Teach to be truthful and to be thoughtful of others.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Jaffar Ito

ECONOMY

OAPEC meeting starts tomorrow

Yamani may face uproar over price bid

KUWAIT, May 4 (R) — Saudi Arabia's Ahmad Zaki Yamani can expect a critical reception at a meeting here this week with fellow Arab oil ministers over his bid to drive down the price of crude oil.

Wednesday's meeting of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) will be his first contact with colleagues since he said on U.S. television two weeks ago that Saudi Arabia is deliberately using its huge production to engineer a glut and bring prices down.

OAPEC does not set prices. But seven of its eight members also belong to the 13-nation OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) which holds a price-setting session on May 25 in Geneva.

Gulf oil analysts said that in informal talks during the OAPEC session here Sheikh Yamani will face vigorous complaints, particularly from price "hawks" such as Algeria and Libya, about the way he is keeping Saudi Arabian output at a record levels above 10 million barrels a day (b/d).

With world oil demand in decline, because of recession and price-led efforts to save fuel, the high output by Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, has already hit some other OPEC members.

Major Western oil companies have just refused to pay Kuwait a

premium on top of its official price of \$35.50 a barrel. The Ashland Oil Company of the United States walked away from 30,000 b/d of high-priced Nigerian oil.

The Saudis are the chief architects of a proposed OPEC price structure which would link crude prices with Western inflation and economic growth. Sheikh Yamani has argued that this would result in steady and predictable price rise which would spare Western economies, in which the Saudis have invested heavily, sudden and damaging price spirals.

But Sheikh Yamani insists that before the new structure can be introduced OPEC should agree on a base price for crude oil and reduce differentials charged for premium grades.

At present Saudi Arabia charges \$32 a barrel for Arabian light crude, the traditional OPEC "marker." But most others align prices on a rate of \$36 a barrel for this grade of oil and producers of high quality grades add up to five dollars more.

The split is over how to narrow the gap and create a workable base price structure, with the Saudis arguing for price cuts by most of the others who, in turn, regard that idea as unthinkable and argue instead that the answer is for Saudi Arabia to raise its prices.

According to some Western oil industry sources, Saudi over-

production has already created a glut of two to three million b/d—oil surplus to actual consumption and flowing into stocks.

Kuwait appears to be having to reduce output from a ceiling of 1.5 million b/d fixed last year after failing to get the Western companies to buy oil at premium prices. Gulf oil analysts said.

Oil analysts in the Gulf said it was impossible to predict the outcome of this week's informal lobbying and the debate in OPEC which will begin when the oil ministers meet in Geneva on May 25.

They said Saudi Arabia would be unlikely to risk alienating fellow Arab and Muslim oil exporters too far by pursuing too tough a line on pricing.

Last September, Sheikh Yamani entered an OPEC session in Geneva saying he would raise his price only if others cut. But in the end he swapped a Saudi increase of two dollars for only a price freeze by the rest.

Gulf analysts speculated that Sheikh Yamani, after 19 years as Saudi oil minister a veteran of OPEC squabbles, was taking a hard negotiating line that could later be compromised.

In the less controversial formal OAPEC talks here, the Arab oil ministers will consider nominations for judges for an OAPEC judicial board, a proposal to build a dry dock in Algeria and a report on establishing an Arab engineering company.

\$77.5b Saudi budget approved

JEDDAH, May 4 (A.P.) — The Council of Ministers has approved a \$77.5 billion 1981 budget that includes a 17 per cent boost in military spending to \$19.4 billion the official Saudi News Agency reported.

King Khalid presided yesterday over the two-hour meeting of the Council of Ministers in Riyadh that approved the budget.

Crown Prince Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, deputy prime minister and chief policy maker, said in a sta-

tement the new budget's main concentration was on the productive sector, agriculture, roads, and new hospitals.

The military expenditure of the current year was \$16.7 billion, the agency said.

In a separate statement, the Ministry of Finance said inflation was brought down to 7.8 per cent from 8.3 per cent in 1979-80. It said the non-oil gross domestic product rose 12 per cent in the current fiscal year which ends May

\$11b gas project in Iran

TEHRAN, May 4 (R) — Iran plans to spend about 850 billion rials (\$11 billion) on a major 16-year project to expand its gas network and cut dependence on kerosene as a home heating fuel, the Kayban daily newspaper reported yesterday.

It quoted Mr. Vali Pour, head of the gas organisation of oil-producing Khuzestan province, as saying 220,000 private and industrial consumers all over Iran would be connected to the gas system each year.

Kerosene is currently rationed to 30 litres a month per household following the destruction of 60 per cent of Iran's oil refining capacity in the early days of the war against Iraq.

The government has allocated \$200 million to import refined products this year to make up the shortfall.

Before the 1979 revolution Iran exported 10 billion cubic metres of gas a year to the Soviet Union by pipeline, but all deliveries have been halted since March 1980 over a pricing dispute.

The plan would save Iran 2.5 billion rials (\$33 million) in oil at today's prices over 16 years, Mr. Pour was quoted as saying.

Substituting gas for kerosene would reduce the need for oil refining capacity and "new refineries which expand our ties with Western countries will not be built."

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Kuwait lends Tanzania, Pakistan \$68m

KUWAIT, May 4 (A.P.) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development loaned Tanzania and Pakistan a total of \$68 million today to assist in financing development projects, the fund announced.

Tanzania received two loans, one of \$26 million to be used infrastructural facilities, with a 3.5 per cent interest rate and to be repaid over 22 years after a four-year period of grace.

The second loan to Tanzania amounted to \$31 million to finance rehabilitation and railway projects, with a 2.5 per cent interest rate, to be repaid over 25 years after a five-year grace period.

Pakistan got an \$11 million loan for a fertiliser project. It carries a 3.5 per cent interest rate repayable over 20 years with a five-year period of grace, according to the fund.

Suzuki warns U.S. on auto policy

WASHINGTON, May 4 (R) — Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said yesterday it would be suicidal for the United States to enact protectionist legislation with regard to car imports.

He said that while the automobile problem between Japan and the United States was "very much an American problem," his government had "decided to exercise some prudence on the part of the Japanese automobile industry" to help the free trade machinery.

Mr. Suzuki said he realised the importance of the car industry to the American economy. But, he said, "should there be any protectionist legislation enacted in the United States, it will be suicidal for both America and Japan."

Mr. Suzuki's comments, in an ABC television interview, came just two days after the Japanese government announced it was voluntarily limiting car exports to the United States to give the financially pressed American industry time to redesign its factories to build smaller, more fuel-efficient models.

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WORLD

Authorities fear GRAPO resurfacing

Terrorists kill army general and three others in Spain

MADRID, May 4 (R) — An army general and three members of the security forces were killed in Madrid and Barcelona today, sharply increasing tension in Spain after an attempted military coup two months ago.

It was Spain's worst day of political violence this year, and the attacks were condemned by political parties and trade unions as a new attempt to destroy democracy.

Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson said the guerrilla organisation GRAPO (October first anti-fascist resistance groups) was responsible for both attacks, in which three passers by and two suspected gunmen were also injured.

GRAPO emerged after the death of dictator Francisco Franco in 1975 and is blamed for a string of murders and bomb attacks, including one which killed eight people in a Madrid cafe two years ago.

It claims to be extreme leftist but there have been persistent press reports in Spain that it has in the past been infiltrated or manipulated by the extreme right.

Gen. Andres Gonzalez de Suro, a former defence ministry press spokesman, was shot through the head outside his central Madrid home as he went to work.

In a shootout which followed, a policeman was killed and one of the attackers was seriously wounded and captured. Police said another wounded man escaped into the underground railway station.

Gen. Gonzalez de Suro was the fifth military officer to be murdered since the Feb. 23 coup attempt and the seventh general killed by urban guerrillas since 1978.

An hour after the Madrid attack, two para-military Civil Guards were shot dead as they were having breakfast in a Barcelona bar.

Police believed they had smashed GRAPO when a number of its alleged leaders were arrested last year.

Jose Maria Sanchez Casas, who police say was involved in at least 30 killings as head of GRAPO, has been given jail sentences totalling more than 150 years after several trials. The latest sentence was handed down by a Madrid court last week.

In another shooting today, two municipal policemen were wounded and a suspected bank robber was injured and detained in the Basque city of San Sebastian.

A second suspect was arrested and the 760,000 pesetas (\$9,000) bank haul recovered. Police sources said there did not appear to be any political motive.

The rash of shootings, which brought to 22 the number of people killed in political violence in Spain this year, coincided with increased concern about the possibility of another coup attempt.

Political nervousness began to build up last week when police temporarily prevented distribution of a Madrid newspaper which carried an alleged account of how the February coup attempt was planned by senior military officers.

Spanish newspapers said they suspected that the account was part of a rightist mis-information campaign. The Madrid daily El Pais said the aim was to create a favourable climate for a new coup.

Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, who returned today from a weekend visit to Portugal, told reporters in Lisbon that rumours about a new coup were totally unfounded.

Giscard, Mitterrand agree to TV-debate

PARIS, May 4 (R) — French presidential rivals Francois Mitterrand and Valery Giscard d'Estaing agreed finally today to meet in a televised debate tomorrow, five days before Sunday's run-off vote.

The breakthrough followed a week of bagging between the two camps over an encounter which many political analysts believe could have a crucial effect on the election result.

In a letter to the outgoing president today Mr. Mitterrand expressed doubts about the objectivity of the state-run television and stipulated that the debate be organised by what he called an independent producer and regulated by independent journalists.

The response from Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's campaign headquarters came almost immediately.

Spokesman Jean-Philippe Lecat announced that as Mr. Mitterrand had agreed to a direct dialogue with equal time for each candidate, the debate could go ahead. "The conditions should be sorted out later today," he added.

Sands still in coma

BELFAST, May 4 (R) — Irish guerrilla Bobby Sands edged closer to death today on the 65th day of his hunger strike in Belfast's Maze prison where his family maintained a constant vigil at his bedside.

As Mr. Sands lay in a coma, the prime minister of the Irish Republic, Mr. Charles Haughey, made what he called an 11th hour appeal to the European Human Rights Commission to use its influence to end the fast.

Mr. Sands lapsed into a coma yesterday morning, and a government spokesman said he was still unconscious today.

Despite pleas for calm if he dies, violence flared in the mainly Catholic areas of west Belfast today.

Police said two trucks were set alight, a petrol bomb was thrown at a police van, and police were stoned by youths. Nobody was hurt.

The clashes took place near districts inhabited by Northern Ireland's Protestant majority, which has sworn it will never sever its links with Britain despite IRA violence.

Mr. Sands' mother Rosaleeh made an emotional appeal yesterday for sympathisers to refrain from violence over her son's impending death.

Speaking to reporters outside the Maze prison, she said: "My son is dying. He offered his life for a set of conditions, but not to cause further death outside... we don't want anything like that."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

McEnroe wins WCT in Dallas

DALLAS, Texas, May 4 (R) — American John McEnroe beat Johan Kriek of South Africa 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 in one hour 51 minutes to win the World Championship Tennis (WCT) finals tournament for the second time. McEnroe, ranked second in the world behind Bjorn Borg of Sweden, earned \$100,000 and Kriek collected \$40,000.

German bags 4 of 5 medals in gymnastics

MADRID, May 4 (R) — East Germany's Maxi Gnauck emerged the supreme victor at the European Women's Gymnastics Championships which ended here, lifting four of the five gold medals. The two-day event underlined the dominance of East European countries in this sphere. Only one western gymnast, the young Spanish girl Irene Martinez, appeared in finals—and then for only one event in which she finished last. Gnauck's overall excellence was only once overshadowed, by 15-year-old Romanian Cristina Grigoras, whose gold medal on the vault prevented the East German from making a clear sweep of all the trophies.

Toronto breaks soccer losing streak

TORONTO, May 4 (A.P.) — Toronto Blizzard broke a five game losing streak with a torrid second-half performance to beat injury-plagued Fort Lauderdale Strikers 3-1 and pick up its first victory of the North American Soccer League Season yesterday. The Blizzard, which had gotten off to its worst start in the club's history, was paced by goals from Jimmy Greenhoff, Jomo Sono and Tore Cervin. Fort Lauderdale got its lone goal from Canadian striker Branko Segota. Toronto, in last place in the Eastern Division, improved its won-lost record to 1-5, while the Southern Division-leading Strikers dropped to 5-2.

SWAPO does not want

NATO to discuss Namibia issue

LISBON, May 4 (A.P.) — Independence fighters seeking to oust South Africa from the mineral-rich South West African territory have rejected proposals for a discussion of the question by NATO member states, the Portuguese national news agency ANOP reported today.

Quoting a note released by SWAPO, the South West African People's Organisation, at the Angolan capital of Luanda yesterday, the report stated the group favoured continued efforts by the United Nations to bring independence to the area.

SWAPO President Sam Nujoma continued the communique with a sharp response to the U.N. Security Council's rejection of a week of proposed sanctions against Pretoria for its continued presence in the territory, also known as Namibia.

The United States, Britain, France, all permanent members of the Security Council and sponsors with Canada and West Germany of a plan adopted by world organisation for internationally-observed elections leading to Namibian independence, voted against the sanction motion.

All three charged the sanctions would act directly against the interests of several neighbouring African nations, all of which are heavily, with the white-ruled them power.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Group demands freedom for Rudolf Hess

AUGSBURG, West Germany, May 4 (A.P.) — Rudolf Hess, the last imprisoned deputy of Adolf Hitler, still wants to be released from prison after nearly 40 years in jail. His son told a gathering here, Mr. Wolf Ruediger Hess, Munich engineer, addressed more than 300 persons in this Bavarian city at a meeting to demand release for his 87-year-old father. Sympathisers from Spain, Holland, Switzerland and France attended the session, carrying banners in demanding Hess' release.

Money not for war, U.S. out of Salvador

WASHINGTON, May 4 (A.P.) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched to the Pentagon to protest U.S. military involvement in El Salvador and President Ronald Reagan's proposed cuts in domestic social programmes. The crowd -- hoisting placards, bearing buttons and exchanging brochures -- marched peacefully across the Memorial Bridge for rally in front of the Defence Department headquarters, chanting, "Money for people, not for war. U.S. out of El Salvador." Preliminary estimates by security officers at the Pentagon placed the crowd at 25,000. U.S. park police estimated the marchers totalled 20,000, not including those who went directly to the Pentagon. As in past protests, a much smaller group of counter-demonstrators gathered nearby in support of U.S. policy. The demonstrations recalled the October 1967 protest to the war in Vietnam when between 30,000 and 35,000 people angrily confronted 8,000 police men and federal marshals at the Pentagon. That two-day protest resulted in 600 arrests and some 50 injuries.

15 die in rebel attacks in Philippines

MANILA, May 4 (A.P.) — Communist rebels gunned down 15 people, mostly soldiers, and wounded 15 others in separate ambushes in two Philippine provinces, the military said today. Meanwhile, separatist guerrillas killed an unknown number of civilians and wounded "scores" of others in raids on two villages in the southern Philippines, a military report said. The incidents occurred last Saturday in the southern provinces of Zamboanga del Sur and Lanao del Norte, and on Samar Island in the central Philippines, the reports said. The military said 13 people were killed and three others wounded when a joint military-police patrol was ambushed by a communist New People's Army (NPA) band they were pursuing in Dumingag municipality in Zamboanga del Sur, 760 kms southeast of Manila. Ten of those slain were troopers. Two army engineers were killed and 12 others wounded when a band of insurgents ambushed two military trucks in Dolores town of Samar, 560 kms southeast of Manila, reports said. In Lanao del Norte, 800 kms southeast of Manila, Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) guerrillas raided the villages of Inangonan and Dimayan, killing an unknown number of residents, according to the military. The homes of the villagers were also looted, it added. The NPA is the military arm of the outlawed Communist Party while the MNLF is an insurgent group fighting for self-rule in the south.

1 more arrested in Air India sabotage case

BOMBAY, May 4 (A.P.) — India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested an Air India maintenance engineer in the case of the reported sabotage of a jetliner earmarked to take Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on a foreign tour this week. Mr. P. Raman's arrest followed the detention last Thursday of three airline officials and a former employee on suspicion of damaging vital control systems of the Air India Boeing 707 jetliner. Earlier five senior engineering and security officers of the international carrier were summarily dismissed. Meanwhile, an official spokesman described as untrue a statement by former foreign minister A.B. Vajpayee that the plane, named "Makalu", was not the one scheduled to fly Mrs. Gandhi to Switzerland and the Middle East. This plane "was kept ready for Mrs. Gandhi," the spokesman said. Mr. Vajpayee, some other opposition leaders and newspapers have voiced scepticism over the claim of a plot against the prime minister. They have suggested that the damage apparently carried out prior to April 20, if not detected, would have caused the plane to crash long before Mrs. Gandhi's scheduled May 5 departure.

Heart-lung recipient breathes on own

STANFORD, California, May 4 (A.P.) — A man who received a new heart and lungs last week breathed without help yesterday, a spokeswoman at Stanford University Medical Centre said. Mr. Charles Walker, who underwent the heart-lung transplant Friday, was taken off a respirator Saturday. It was only the fifth such operation in history and the second in the past decade. Mr. Walker was weaned from the respirator sooner than Mrs. Mary Gohlke, the world's longest-living survivor of the double transplant. She underwent the surgery at Stanford March 9 and needed the respirator for 16 days. The three previous heart-lung recipients survived for eight hours, eight days and 23 days, respectively. Mr. Walker, 30, of Binghamton, New York was "doing well" a hospital spokeswoman said. Mr. Walker, who had a congenital heart defect that led to severe lung damage, waited nearly a month at Stanford before organs from a compatible donor were available. Doctors treating Mrs. Gohlke, 45, attribute her long survival to the use of a new drug, Niosporin A, which thwarts rejection of the foreign organs by the body while allowing the body's natural immunity system fight infection.

Johnnie Ito

Shahi soothes Indian fears

NEW YORK, May 4 (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi has said a proposed \$500 million arms agreement with the United States would not affect Pakistan's non-aligned position or its relationship with India.

"No change in our position on non-alignment is contemplated because of any new relationship with the United States," Mr. Shahi said in an interview with the magazine Newsweek International, published here yesterday.

Mr. Shahi denied the proposed U.S. arms pact would have an adverse impact on Pakistan's relations with India.

"We are not entering into an arms race with India. We are all in favour of limitations of arms, but every country feels the need to replace obsolete equipment and to provide for some defence capability," he said.

Suzuki off to U.S.

TOKYO, May 4 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, scheduled to meet with U.S. president Ronald Reagan for their first summit on Thursday and Friday, left today afternoon for Washington via New York.

The talks, coming as the U.S.-Japan auto dispute was resolved in negotiations last week, are expected to focus on Japan's defence programme.

The 70-year-old Suzuki, accompanied by Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, is also scheduled to confer with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger during his six-day stay in the United States.

Mr. Suzuki's trip, which will conclude with a two-day visit to Canada, is his second overseas journey since he became prime minister last July. He toured Southeast Asia this January.

Japan's role in defending its own shores looms as the top issue at the Washington meeting.

Japanese 'Golden Week' brings gold to three

TOKYO, May 4 (A.P.) — Three fishermen from southwestern Japan had good reason to celebrate Japan's annual spring holiday break, a spate of national holidays known as "Golden Week." The trio had picked up a bit of glitter themselves.

Mr. Akio Hamamoto, 51, his son and brother became the owners of two gold bars worth \$700,000 over the weekend after the treasure they found went unclaimed, Maritime Safety Agency official said today. A three-year investigation ended at midnight Saturday.

The fishermen are expected to pick up the bars, weighing a total of 46 kilograms, at the municipal office in Shimonoseki, about 900 kilometres southwest of Tokyo, on Wednesday when business resumes as usual after the consecutive holidays.

They found the gold floating 2 kilometres off Shimonoseki on May 3, 1978, as they returned

Haig tells NATO: arms talks would begin soon

ROME, May 4 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told NATO allies today that the United States intends to start negotiations with the Soviet Union on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe before the end of the year.

Conference sources said Mr. Haig told the foreign ministers of the 15-nation North Atlantic alliance, meeting in a suburban Rome hotel, that the talks would be held in the framework of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT).

The American commitment came as a relief to European members of NATO who plan to install U.S. Cruise and Pershing missiles in response to a major Soviet buildup, but who also want to open negotiations for mutual

Bomb attack in Athens

ATHENS, May 4 (R) — A time-bomb exploded under a parked car belonging to an American diplomat in the centre of Athens today but no one was hurt, police said.

The car, which was heavily damaged, belonged to Mr. Jesse Lewis, first secretary at the U.S. embassy's political affairs department.

No-one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing. Last month, six bombs were planted under cars belonging to U.S. military personnel working at an American airbase in Athens. A clandestine organisation, called the "revolutionary left," claimed responsibility.

Greek and U.S. diplomats are engaged in talks on the status and operation of four U.S. bases in Greece.

Under an agreement initiated in 1977 but never signed, Greece would have received \$700 million in U.S. aid over four years in return for the bases. The Greek government has said it considers the amount inadequate. Greek opposition parties want the bases closed.

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dge by publishing an edited version of the message.

"It would be impossible to publish it in its present form," Doyle said. "It's 4,000 to 5,000 words long, illogical and with no coherence."

Downey was reading a telex from Irish officials assuring him Irish editors had agreed to publish his message when airport authorities requested permission to open the plane's door to remove a woman they said needed medical attention.

They said the "inexperienced hijacker" agreed. Once the door was open, authorities said a dozen anti-terrorist agents entered the airport, raced up the aisle and overcame Downey in the cockpit without firing a shot.

Downey surrendered, also head-buckled some after the ordeal's conclusion. A resident of Dublin since 1978, Downey entered the a light Tre Fontane monastery Rome in 1950, which at the time still imposed the rule of silence. Records at the monastery indicate Downey remained four years or being sent away. In his message, Downey said he was called for punching a superior the nose.

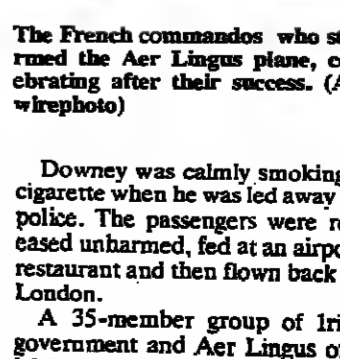
After Rome, Downey's message said he travelled to the central Portugal town of Fatima, where he worked 11 months as a tour guide at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

The Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three children in Fatima six times in 1917 and to have told them three secrets.

One of the children was Lu dos Santos, now a 74-year-old Carmelite nun living near Coimbra in central Portugal. She wrote a three-part account of apparitions in 1942, which was given to the Pope. Two of the secrets have been revealed. The third has not.

The first part described a vision of hell while the second predicted a light would appear in the sky before dawn of a war. Believers of Fatima apparitions contend a strange sky illumination that occurred in Europe in 1938 fulfilled the second secret, forecasting World War II.

Sister Lucia is said to have witnessed the third secret remaining unpublished until 1960 or the time of her death. In 1967, a Vatican-based cardinal said Pope Paul VI had decided it was still not appropriate time to reveal the secret. There has been speculation among some believers that the secret is a detailed prophecy of another global war or of the end of the world.



The French commandos who stormed the Aer Lingus plane, celebrating after their success. (AP Wirephoto)

Downey was calmly smoking a cigarette when he was led away by police. The passengers were released unharmed, fed at an airport restaurant and then flown back to London.

A 35-member group of Irish government and Aer Lingus officials, who had flown to Le Touquet in an attempt to persuade

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